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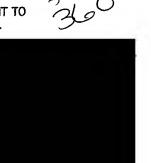
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- 1. The Chinese Communists have carried out the division* of lands, buildings and property in South Manchuria, but this is subject to re-examination, further division or correction later.
- 2. The price level in Manchuria is very low compared to Peiping, and there is no currency inflation. No wealthy individuals or class exist; and, while the former poor class is now better off, there is universal poverty, as evidenced by the ragged clothes of the people, and an apparent lack of trade and commerce.
- 3. A great deal of soybean cake is going to Tientsin from Manchuria by cart and rail. At the originating point in South Manchuria, soybeans are about Jen Min \$6,000 per ton (in the blackmarket, Jen Min \$600 equals US \$1 now), but the lack of gunnybags prevents shipment.
- 4. The steel furnaces at Anshan are not yet in operation. The labor policy of "pay according to production" is working well at Anshan, and is resulting in higher production per man.
- Railway traffic from Chinchou to Mukden is routed via Koupangtzu and Kaotaishan because the bridge over the Talingho River near Chinchou (sic)** is still out. Double tracks are being constructed all the way. The railroad from Mukden to Dairen is open but has few passengers because of the difficulties of obtaining permits.

Comment. Presumably "division" refers to the breaking up and redistribution of large holdings. Comment. Possibly the bridge meant is the one near Ihsien.

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